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TO: MN ASA ♦ USA-MSF JOFP TEAMS

FROM: ASA ♦ USA SOFTBALL
Ron Radigonda
Executive Director

DATE: December 27, 2006

RE: 2007 MN ASA SEASON

Despite the cold temperatures in Minnesota, I hope this note finds you looking forward to another exciting season of Junior Olympic Fastpitch Softball. As the National Governing Body of Softball in the United States the day – to – day operations of softball never cease even during the winter. 2006 was a banner year for ASA/USA Softball with the USA Women’s Team winning Gold at the World Cup, World Championships, and Japan Cup. Our Jr. Women’s Team that is comprised of players from our Junior Olympic program won Gold at the America’s Qualifier for the 2007 Jr. World Championship. Our local Junior Olympic Programs that you are a part of in Minnesota, along with our other 84 local associations are the ‘feeder programs’ to our National Team Program and we respect and appreciate the efforts you make on behalf of the ASA.

Here in Oklahoma City we are busy preparing too; including the scorebooks, rulebooks, website, umpire training programs and communicating with our National Qualifier and National Championship hosts in an effort to bring you the best season ever of ASA competition.

In Minnesota you are fortunate to have one of the best-organized and administered JOFP programs in the nation. Please take advantage of the JOFP Committee in your state to make your local program even better. There’s always room for improvement and innovative ideas.

I understand that a proposal from a fastpitch group in Minnesota is being distributed that proposes to conduct a state tournament that disburses national tournament berths to various organizations’ national tournaments including the ASA’s.

The Amateur Softball Association cannot endorse or support this proposal as Minnesota has a local ASA state association charged with the responsibility of conducting the best possible



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program including championship tournament play, which leads to ASA national tournament/championship play. They have very capably been doing so for the past 28 years.

For a number of reasons including rules, insurance, umpires and identity, the MN ASA program must “stand alone” and be conducted by the local ASA state association, which is comprised of state and local staff, association leaders, league directors, tournament directors and volunteers.

I am confident with your continued input and participation on the state JOFP committee that the MN ASA program will reflect the wants and desires of the majority, and the program will continue to flourish and progress.

With the recent addition of class B national tournaments and qualifiers, teams from Northern climates will have an even better chance to compete.

Should questions arise or if I can be of assistance please do not hesitate to call or write.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ron Radigonda', written in a cursive style.

Ron Radigonda
ASA Executive Director

P.S. Provided advance notice is sufficient and scheduling permits, I would be happy to attend your Fall-Winter JOFP Committee meeting to address any concerns or questions you may have regarding ASA. Thank you for you participation in ASA softball and have a prosperous and Happy New Year.